

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

WIA YEAR-ROUND INNOVATIVE YOUTH PROGRAMS RFP (PY 2008 – 2010)

If a youth is 16 years old and a senior, can we serve that youth?

Answer: If the youth meets WIA eligibility requirements and expects to graduate by 6/30/09, the youth may be served. Also see the answer to the next question.

Is high school senior status based upon age, grade or by high school credit status?

Answer: The important factor here is that any in-school youth enrolled in the program is expected to graduate by the end of the program year of services (6/30/09).

Can RFP downloaded forms be modified/edited?

Answer: No modification of forms is permitted. It is suggested that you request an Excel Budget form that automatically makes most of the calculation for you.

Why is the City of San Bernardino not included in this competition?

Answer: The City is a different and separate Local Workforce Investment Area and directly receives WIA allocations to serve City residents.

Do you typically grant large contracts to new providers?

Answer: There is currently no policy addressing the size of contract awards to new providers.

Do you know how much money will be allocated this year for youth services?

Answer: No. The allocation for youth services is subject to WIA funding and other factors that are yet to be determined. We are anticipating we will receive approximately the same level of funding next year in our WIA Youth allocation, somewhere in the range of \$2,000,000 - \$2,400,000.

Where do we deliver our proposal?

Answer: Per page 2 of the RFP, proposals are delivered to the **Department of Workforce Development, Attention: WIA Youth RFP, 215 North D Street, Suite 301, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0046.**

Does a contractor have to be co-located with a work source center or one stop?

Answer: No. RFP contractor location requirements are outlined on page 1 as follows: "only proposals from organizations that are located within and/or can demonstrate that they have the ability to provide youth services within the County of San Bernardino Local Workforce Investment Area will be accepted."

Has income guidelines changed since last year? If so, where are guidelines obtained?

Answer: Income guidelines have not changed since last year. The current EDD Directive for income guidelines is WIAD06-22 issued on 6/29/07. This Directive is found on EDD's Website at: www.edd.ca.gov/wiarep/wiad06-22.pdf. We expect that a new directive and new income guidelines will be published late in June this year and made available on the same website.

Can we get the sign-in sheet to create linkages?

Answer: Some proposers have personal information on the sign-in sheets and have requested that we not share that information. By visiting the WIB Website, www.sbcounty.gov/wib, you will find a list of current youth service providers under "Resources".

Is the County Office open until 5:00 PM on Good Friday, March 21, 2008?

Answer: Yes.

For use with the chart on page 18, are there WIA mandated performance measure percentages available so we'll know the expected performance percentages for outcomes?

Answer: No. Our Local Workforce Investment Board has not yet negotiated percentages with the State.

One multifaceted question concerned the completion of the budget form. The following answer attempts to answer the various concerns and provide some general information.

Answer: If you have not already received an electronic version of the budget to use with your proposal, please request one via e-mail to gdakan@wdd.sbcounty.gov. The budget needs to show planned WIA expenditures. Show costs under each appropriate line item category. In some cases, you will need to select the most appropriate category as you may have some costs that don't match the categories provided. Prior to awarding a contract we will negotiate contract amount and require a revised budget in line with the contract amount. We will also require a cost allocation plan that should show how the costs for each benefiting program (including WIA) are shared appropriately.

Proposers who want to use an off-the-shelf, approved, tuition-based unit price for training in lieu of submitting a line item budget, must submit proof of course and cost approval along with a proposed benchmark payment schedule.